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Most Gracious Emperour, and Lord;

AFter that I had received your most gracious Command of the 9th. to watch my advantage upon the Enemy about *Newhanſel*, I roſe up from *Tyrnam*, notwithſtanding my exceeding weakneſs of body, and gained ſo much ſtrength from the great zeal I had to encreaſe the al-

ready won reputation of theſe Armes your Imperial *Majeſty* hath been pleaſed to entruſt me with; that I have been enabled to perform my Obedience to your Imperial Majeſties moſt Gracious will in the manner following:

I ſent the bearer hereof *Adjutant-General Gregory* of *Kleindieuſt* to the Earl of *Buchheims* at *Comorra*, to have his Advice in the propoſed Deſign, and to haſten withal the march of the *Pergeniſh Huſſars*, and ordered likewiſe *Field-Marſhal Lieutenant Van Heuſter* (the Enemy being marched away toward *Lewentz*) to haſten to me day and night with his own Regiment, a Troop of his *Electoral Highneſs Palatines* Guards, and five Companies of the *Montevertian* Foot, for that I intended to relieve *Lewentz*. VVhereupon he came to the Leaguer at *Freyſtattle* on the fifteenth, and the next day with ſix dayes Proviſion we came to *Neutra*, where in five or ſix hours, our whole Army got over the River. The ſame day I marched within a mile of S. *Benedict*, and

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at break of day set my men in Order, and advanced towards the said place. In the mean time came news that a thousand *Tartars* had passed the River *Gran*, and fallen on a Party of three hundred *Dutch* and *Hungarians*, under Collonel *Kohari*; and the *Brandenburgish Lieutenant-Collonel* of Horse, (Commanded the day before our discamping out of *Freystattle*) and killed *forty three*, with the loss of *sixty* of their own. Wherefore I hastned on with the Army, and sate down at the foot of the Hill near *St. Benedict*. And lest that the Enemy discovering us from the Hills should again cross the River, and wholly possess themselves thereof, I commanded out *Field Marshal Lieutenant Heuster* with the *Brandenburgish Dragoons*, and six Troops of Horse, following my self with the whole Body to the said River *Gran*, where some of ours in their passing, had little Skirmishes with the Enemy, who still kept his Body upon the top of the hill. I flung up presently four small Redoubts to plant Cannon, and lay all night on the Banks,

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An hour before day, roſe a Gentle wind driving the Clouds before it, and they moving the Boughs and little trees in ſuch manner, that it ſeem'd as though the whole Enemies Army were on their March toward the *Bergſtadt*. This gave an Alarum to the VVatch, the miſtake being ſo genuine, that I my ſelf believed it, and was a going to put my Men in Order to fore-ſtall their paſſage. Yet had we an advantage by the falſe Alarum, and got over the *Graa* in three ſeverall places, ſetting a Muſquetier behinde each Horſeman, ſo that within two hours ſpace, our Army ſtood in Battail-Array. Now to fulfill your Imperiall Majeſties moſt Gracious Command, I Ordered Colonel *Kohari*, (who fell in this Action very unſeaſonably for Us) Colonel *Caprara*, with a Lievetenant Colonel, one *Major*, two *Captains* of Horſe, the *Brandenburgiſh Major Marowits*, with a hundred Dragoons (in all they made Eight hundred men) to fall upon the Enemy, who ſtood in Battalia all along the top of the hill, which as ſoon as the Enemy perceived, and that our Army followed, he

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purpoſed with a thouſand men to have taken a paſſe at the Foot of the hill by a mariſh, which in dry weather, is eaſie to go over, thinking to ſurround us there, ſince he was twice our Number. But it ſucceeded ill with him; For I plac't the *Field-Martial-Lieutenant* before the *Right Wing*, and ſhewed him where he might beſt withſtand the Enemy, who already had laid a great Ambuſh on another paſſe too on the Right ſide. Now as the Enemy thought to come on the Back or the Flanck of our Right Wing out of this Ambuſh, the *Heuſteriſh* Regiment and his *Electoral Highneſs Palatines* Company well received and repulſt him. In the like manner fell the beſt *Janizaries* and ſtouteſt *Turkiſh* Horſe, by the *Caprariſh* Squadrons, and ſeeing the greateſt danger to be in this place, I made up to it my ſelf, and waited the Enemy with all manly Reſolution. This Squadron beat off the firſt On-ſet with great Valour, but by reaſon the Enemy was more then four thouſand ſtrong, they were forced a little to retreat, to a little Ambuſcade, where the *Brandenburgiſh*

giſh Lieutenant Colonel lay with a hundred and fifty Dragoons, who gave the Enemy ſuch a *Salvo*, that he was forc't to ſcatter, whereby was given a little breathing room to the *Capraniſh* and other Officers Squadrons who began to Rally again; Of theſe were ſome (Perſons careleſſe of their honour) that came to the Baggage, and cryed out that the whole Army was Routed, and thereupon were ſome of our VVaggons plundred by other Raſh Inconſiderable Fellows. So ſoon as the Troops were again together, and ſeconded with three Squadrons of the left VVing, the Enemy likewiſe Recruited with freſh men, and ſeem'd reſolved to take a Revenge; but I cauſed a Regiment of Infantry to advance with four ſmall pieces, which received him ſo bravely, that he was conſtrained to draw back, leaving behind a great Number of wounded and dead bodies. Now as ſoon as the danger was over here, and I could the better confide in the two Squadrons of Foot, and the four pieces which were planted behind a great buſh on the Enemies VVing; I took from them the

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Caprariſh Regiment of Horſe, & other Squadrons; Whereupon Colonel Count *Caprara* plac't himſelf with other Officers before his Regiment, and with Major *Marowits*, and his three Companies of Dragoons fought with good Reſolution, and Renown'd Courage againſt more then Eight Thouſand *Tartars* and *Moldavians*. Ours indeed often did here Repulſe and were Repulſt; But I again upheld them with the *Saxiſh*, and *Brandenburgiſh* Infantry, and ſix ſmall Pieces, and cauſed the Enemy to give ground.

In the mean time, the *Major General*, Fought in the middle, where the Enemy Charged with great fury, but the *Major General* Anſwered him ſtoutly, till we law at length, that the *Tartars*, and *Moldavians* were totally Routed, and ſo we got the Victory on three ſides.

After this, we Marched on the High-way to *Lewents*, and it ſeem'd, as if the Enemy would again Recover the Hill; But in that they ſaw us make up anew our Squadrons, and the Duke of *Holſtein* march toward them with the whole *Infantry*, and *Artillery*,

they began to fly. Whereupon the Squadrons of the Van, and the left Wing, and after the *Heusterisb*, and *Electoral Palatine* Horse hastned up, and slew all that Resisted in the first Leaguer (for they had three Leaguers) Plundred the Baggage, and pursued for two miles, and put all to the Sword, as I had Commanded. We took but three Prisoners alive, the Number of the dead is about *Six Thousand*. And that the Infantry might be flesht with Killing, I caused likewise those of my Old Leaguer to Advance. On the way, they met with five hundred *Janizaries* which were laid in Ambush by the *Bassa* of *Offen*, and slew them all. The Booty ours have taken is very great. The few *Hungarians* which were with me, behaved themselves also well, and especially Count *Valentin Balassa* Fought to a wonder. Colonel *Leysz*, and the Earle of the Chamber-Baron *Joanelli* shewed likewise their Valour, and in one word, all other Officers and Souldiers did their Duty like Souldiers. No less, did the Electors of *Sax* and *Brandenburgs* Forces Fight with an Incredible Resolution.

lution. This great slaughter will doubtlesly force the *Grand Visir* to divide his body, and send some great Force hither, and I am of most humble Opinion, (but prescribing nothing) that it were necessary your Imperiall Majesty (as far as is possible) would send me more help to pursue this Victory. I shall if I can, break up to day, and do my best to carry off the Artillery, we have taken, whereof were one whole Cannon, and in a wood not far off, two half Cannon, and two Quarter ones, with several Provision Waggons. The Governour here, Captain *Joachim Nemmisban* of the *Mersisi* Regiment with the whole Garrison defended themselves Gallantly, shewed no fear, and would hear of no Treaty. The Enemy attempted to open the Breach which I formerly made up, and storm'd it Twice, but was beat off still with great losse.

The Governour also fearing the Enemy might at length cut off their pass from the City into the Castle, set on fire the *Palanka* which joyned the Town and Castle betwixt the Marish, so that it was left quite

open, which was very advantageous to the defence of the Castle, but no Cavalry could stand there.

The hurt done by shot to the Castle, is reparable with little cost, and though the Enemy had stormed the Castle where the breach was, yet had he not got in, for the Governour was very provident and had made good Trenches.

The Enemies force is a great deal stronger then report hath gone hitherto, for no man that ever saw a Souldier in the Field, hath reckoned them less then *Twenty five Thousands*, the Prisoners say, they are from *Thirty* to *Forty Thousand* and upwards, which yet I believe not; but hold for certain, that they are *Twenty five Thousand* strong. The *Bassa's* of *Offen*, *Buda*, and *Newhausel*, were not present, but *Aly Bassa*, who lay formerly in *Lewents*, and also another who Commanded *Four Thousand Janizaries*, both men of great Experience and Respect among the *Turks*, are slain, with several other Officers. The loss on the Turkish side is so great, that the Grand Seign will

will soon find it. Further my most Gracious Lord, I pray God from the bottom of my heart, that he would more and more bless your Imperial Majesties Armies; what I can do further according to my poor ability, your Imperial Majesty may most graciously assure your self of; I recommend my self withall to your constant Imperial Grace and Favour, as

Leuwitz, July 20.

Your Imperial Majesties

most Humble, Faithful

and Obedient Vassal

Post-Script.

THis Relation was sent by an Expreſs from the Emperour to his Electoral Highneſs Palatine, *whereupon on the 27 of July all the Guns went of at* Frankendale, *whoſe Report was answered by thoſe at* Manheim, *and trebled by all the Cannon at* Heidelburg, *being thrice fired; and all the Windows and Towers were full of Artificial fires that night. Count* Konningsbeck *was at the Table with his Electoral* Highneſs, *when this good News was brought, which was received with all expreſsions of joy imaginable.*

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Licensed,

Roger L'Estrange.

August 6. 1664.